

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is based on and claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/476,943, filed June 9, 2003, entitled A MOTION CONTROLLED STRING INSTRUMENT for all common subject matter, which the contents of the provisional application are herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, beginning at line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Supervisor 30 delivers spectral reference, data and control signals 84 to an input of motion controllers 20 corresponding to that labeled "Reference, 156" in Fig. 10 of the '059 patent. Data path 80 connects the supervisor to an optional auxiliary user interface. A digital interface ~~[[41]]~~ 82 connects the supervisor to a data network or to a computer. Supervisor 30 controls mixer 26 via data path 28. Supervisor 30 accepts real-time spectral information about strings 12 from motion controllers 20 on data lines 88, and it provides reference spectra to the motion controllers on path 84. The supervisor also exchanges mode control instructions and status information with motion controllers 20 via lines 84 and 88.

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on page 15, line 30, and ending on page 16, at line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, Fig. 2 serves instead of Fig. 1. Fig. 2 is identical to Fig. 1 except for individual string bridge pickups 52, which are of a type responsive to all planes of string vibration but not to electromagnetic actuating fields, a divided piezoelectric bridge pickup being one such type and except for an optional control area [[6]] 8 within manual controls 14 that is operated by a player's fingers and which provides an x-axis for selecting and manually commanding excitations upon strings in a first mode or selecting harmonics in a second mode, and controlling a continuum between muting and sustaining along the y axis in both modes.